

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A bottom assembly for a container used in the packaging of a wire coil, said bottom assembly comprising a bottom-most heading and an anchoring member mounted to said bottom-most heading, said anchoring member being inserted through a hole of said bottom-most heading and having portions disposed at opposite sides of said bottom-most heading so as to entrap said bottom-most heading therebetween, said anchoring member further having [[an]] a transverse anchoring portion constructed and disposed to anchor a hold-down system for container-received wire coil.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A bottom assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said anchoring member is snap-mounted to said bottom-most heading.

Claim 3 (original): A bottom assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said anchoring member is a unitary molded plastic member.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A bottom assembly according to Claim 1, whercin said anchoring member comprises a plug having a generally cylindrical body provided with a laterally projecting flange portion and at least one resilient member, projecting laterally from said body and axially displaced from said flange portion, said plug being mounted to said bottom-most heading by insertion of said resilient member through said hole, said resilient member being constructed to resiliently deform inwardly toward said body during insertion through said hole

and to return toward an initial configuration after insertion such that said bottom-most heading is entrapped between said flange portion and resilient member.

Claim 5 (original): A bottom assembly according to Claim 4, wherein said plug has a plurality of said resilient members circumferentially spaced from each other.

Claim 6 (original): A bottom assembly according to Claim 4, wherein said at least one resilient member has a bevelled circumferential edge.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A bottom assembly according to Claim 4, wherein said plug has a laterally projecting resilient member axially spaced from said at least one resilient member to facilitate mounting of said plug to said bottom-most heading.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A bottom assembly according to claim 4, wherein said flange portion and said at least one resilient member [[is]] are disposed substantially at opposite first and second axial ends of said plug body, respectively, and said plug further includes an anchoring portion projecting axially from said second end and having an opening for anchoring said hold-down system.

Claim 9 (original): A bottom assembly according to Claim 8, wherein said hold-down system includes an elastic loop member secured to said opening of said anchoring portion.

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Claim 10 (original): A bottom assembly according to Claim 9, wherein said elastic loop member is secured to said opening by a tie passing through said opening and said elastic loop member.

Claim 11 (original): A bottom assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said anchoring portion of said anchoring member is formed with an opening for anchoring said hold-down system.

Claim 12 (original): A bottom assembly according to Claim 11, wherein said hold-down system includes an elastic loop member secured to said opening of said anchoring portion.

Claim 13 (original): A bottom assembly according to Claim 9, wherein said elastic loop member is secured to said opening by a tie passing through said opening and said elastic loop member.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A bottom assembly according to Claim 12, wherein said bottom-most heading is formed of pasteboard.

Claim 15 (original): A bottom assembly according to Claim 4, wherein said plug body is at least partially hollowed out.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A bottom assembly for a container used in packaging a wire coil, said bottom assembly comprising a bottom-most heading having a hole, and an anchoring member mounted to said bottom-most heading and cooperating with said hole such that [[an]] a transverse anchoring portion of said anchoring member is disposed to anchor a hold-down system for a container-received wire coil.

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Claim 17 (currently amended): A bottom assembly according to Claim 16, wherein said anchoring member is inserted in said hole and has portions disposed at opposite sides of said bottom-most heading so as to entrap said bottom-most heading therebetween.

Claim 18 (original): A bottom assembly according to Claim 16, wherein said anchoring portion has an opening for anchoring said hold-down system.

Claim 19 (original): A bottom assembly according to Claim 18, wherein said hold-down system includes an elastic loop member secured to said opening of said anchoring portion.

Claim 20 (original): A bottom assembly according to Claim 19, wherein said elastic loop is secured to said opening by a member passing through said opening and said elastic loop.

Claim 21 (previously amended): A bottom assembly according to Claim 16, wherein said anchoring member is a unitary molded plastic member.

Claims 22-23 (previously cancelled)

Claim 24 (original): An anchoring assembly, comprising an anchoring member adapted to be mounted to a container drum bottom heading and an elastic loop member secured to said anchoring member by a tie passing through said elastic loop member.

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Claim 25 (original): An anchoring assembly according to Claim 24, wherein said tie is a cable tie having a ratchet-type closure mechanism.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A bottom assembly according to Claim 16, wherein said bottom-most heading is unitary.

Claim 27 (currently amended): A bottom assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said bottom-most heading is unitary.

Claim 28 (currently amended): A container for the packaging of wire coil comprising:
a container body; and
a bottom assembly disposed at a bottom of said container body, said bottom assembly comprising a bottom-most heading and an anchoring member mounted to said bottom-most heading, said anchoring member being inserted through a hole of said bottom-most heading and having portions disposed at opposite sides of said bottom-most heading so as to entrap said bottom-most heading therebetween, said anchoring member further having [[an]] a transverse anchoring portion constructed and disposed to anchor a hold-down system for container-received wire coil.

Claim 29 (currently amended): A container according to Claim 28, wherein said anchoring member comprises a plug having a generally cylindrical body provided with a laterally projecting flange portion and at least one resilient member, projecting laterally from said body and axially displaced from said flange portion, said plug being mounted to said bottom-most

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heading by insertion of said resilient member through said hole, said resilient member being constructed to resiliently deform inwardly toward said body during insertion through said hole and to return toward an initial configuration after insertion such that said bottom-most heading is entrapped between said flange portion and resilient member.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A container according to Claim 29, wherein said plug has a plurality of said resilient members circumferentially spaced from each other.

Claim 31 (previously presented): A container according to Claim 29, wherein said at least one resilient member has a bevelled circumferential edge.

Claim 32 (currently amended): A container according to Claim 29, wherein said plug has a laterally projecting resilient member axially spaced from said at least one resilient member to facilitate mounting of said plug to said bottom-most heading.

Claim 33 (currently amended): A container according to Claim 29, wherein said flange portion and said at least one resilient member [[is]] are disposed substantially at opposite first and second axial ends of said plug body, respectively, and said plug further includes an anchoring portion projecting axially from said second end and having an opening for anchoring said hold-down system.

Claim 34 (previously presented): A container according to Claim 33, wherein said hold-down system includes an elastic loop member secured to said opening of said anchoring portion.

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Claim 35 (previously presented): A container according to Claim 34, wherein said elastic loop member is secured to said opening by a tie passing through said opening and said elastic loop member.

Claim 36 (previously presented): A container according to Claim 28, wherein said anchoring portion of said anchoring member is formed with an opening for anchoring said hold-down system.

Claim 37 (previously presented): A container according to Claim 36, wherein said hold-down system includes an elastic loop member secured to said opening of said anchoring portion.

Claim 38 (previously presented): A container according to Claim 34, wherein said elastic loop member is secured to said opening by a tie passing through said opening and said elastic loop member.

Claim 39 (currently amended): A container according to Claim 37, wherein said bottom-most heading is formed of pasteboard.

Claim 40 (previously presented): A container according to Claim 29, wherein said plug body is at least partially hollowed out.

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